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SUMMARY: LARGE VOTER TURNOUT GIVES PRI CLEAR MANDATE, ELECTS ALL FEDERAL PRI CANDIDATES, DEFEATS POLICY OF ABSTENTIONISM. PAN CANDIDATES DECISIVELY DEFEATED, LOSES OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO INTERNAL PARTY DIVISIONS AND WEAK CAMPAIGNS BY OBSCURE CANDIDATES. DESPITE PAN PROTESTS AND UNUSUAL POST-ELECTION BOMBINGS OF PRI AND PAN OFFICES, JULY 4 ELECTIONS CLASSIFIED AS VERY PEACEFUL, NONVIOLENT, AND RELATIVELY FREE OF ELECTION FRAUD TACTICS SOMETIMES EMPLOYED IN PAST. LOPEZ PORTILLO GOVERNMENT HAS FULL SUPPORT OF JALISCO'S VOTERS. END OF SUMMARY.

1. STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE LOCAL JALISCO OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION INDICATED THAT ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF ALL RESIDENTS OF JALISCO

STATE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OVER WERE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE JULY 4 ELECTIONS (AN OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATE). IN ABSOLUTE NUMBERS, THIS AMOUNTS TO NEARLY 1.5 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS IMPORTANT STATE. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THESE VOTERS LIVE IN GUADALAJARA WHERE ALL FIVE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WERE WON BY THE PRI CANDIDATES. PRI CANDIDATES MADE A CLEAR SWEEP IN JALISCO, ONCE AGAIN CAPTURING ALL 13 CONGRESSIONAL DEPUTY SEATS, BOTH SENATORIAL POSITIONS, AND OF COURSE, THE UNCONTESTED PRESIDENCY.

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VOTER TURNOUT IN JALISCO WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 80 PERCENT (UP FROM 60 PERCENT THREE YEARS AGO), THUS DEFEATING THE ONLY REAL

POSSIBLE EXPRESSION OF VOTER DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRI,
ABSTENTIONISM, OR ABSTAINING FROM VOTING.

2. THE PRI PARTY DIRECTOR FOR JALISCO ANNOUNCED THAT OVERALL VOTING FIGURES RESULTED IN 66 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF PRI CANDIDATES, 30 PERCENT FOR THE PAN, 3 PERCENT FOR THE PPS, AND 1 PERCENT FOR THE PARM. THESE FIGURES APPEAR TO BE CONSERVATIVE AS THE ADVANTAGE THE PRI HAD IN INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS VARIED, BUT THE VOTING WAS GENERALLY 3 TO 4 VOTES FOR THE PRI AGAINST EVERY VOTE FOR AN OPPOSITION PARTY (USUALLY PAN) CANDIDATE. JALISCO STATE VOTERS CERTAINLY GAVE THE NEW PRESIDENT, JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, AND THE PRI PARTY A RESOUNDING MANDATE TO GOVERN FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS. WHILE ALL OF THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO REVISION, THEY ARE A FAIRLY GOOD REFLECTION OF THE OVERALL RESULTS OF THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN JALISCO.

3. PAN PARTY LEADERS HERE WERE MOST UNHAPPY WITH THE ELECTION RESULTS, LODGED 40 PROTESTS CONCERNING IRREGULARITIES AT THE POLLING PLACES WITH THE LOCAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION, AND PROMISED TO MAKE FURTHER PROTEST IN MEXICO CITY. THE EXTREMELY POOR SHOWING OF PAN CANDIDATES AT THE POLLS, ESPECIALLY IN GUADALAJARA, RESULTED FROM THE WEAK AND RELATIVELY UNKNOWN PAN CANDIDATES, AS WELL AS THE NEGATIVE IMAGE OF THE PARTY SPLIT INTERNALLY INTO WARRING FACTIONS UNABLE TO COOPERATE EVEN TO CHOOSE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. THE BIG OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE PAN HAD TO INCREASED IN POLITICAL IMPORTANCE AS A RESULT OF THESE ELECTIONS WERE CERTAINLY BADLY LOST THROUGH THE INTERNAL SCHISM AND ITS CORRESPONDING DISUNITY AND LOSS OF RESOURCES.

4. EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS OF MEXICAN POLITICS WERE SURPRISED THAT THE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR WERE SO CLEAN. VERY LITTLE FRAUD, BALLOT BOX THEFT, BALLOT BOX STUFFING OR OTHER DIRTY TRICKS WERE DISCOVERED BY THE LOCAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND THE GENERAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT ALMOST EVERYTHING WAS IN GOOD ORDER. THE PRI WAS IN SUCH A PREDOMINANT POSITION THIS YEAR THAT UNFAIR POLLING PLACE TACTICS WERE REALLY UNNECESSARY, IN CONTRAST TO THE 1973 GUADALAJARA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

5. THE OTHER PLEASANTLY SURPRISING FACT WAS THE NEARLY COMPLETE
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CALM, NONVIOLENT VOTING DAY WE ENJOYED. EXPECTATIONS OF VIOLENT PROTESTS OR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WERE NOT FULFILLED. THREE BOMBS DETONATED EARLY JULY 5 OUTSIDE PRI AND PAN PARTY OFFICES DID LITTLE MATERIAL AND NO PERSONAL DAMAGE. NO OTHER INCIDENTS OF IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN REPORTED FOR ELECTION DAY.

6. PRI TRIUMPHS IN ALL SIX STATES OF THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT ARE CONFIRMED. FURTHER REPORTS FOR OTHER STATES WILL BE SENT AS BETTER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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